

IN THE CLAIMS

The claims of the present application are set forth below marked to show the changes of the present amendment. Please cancel claims 1 and 2 without prejudice.

Claims 1. and 2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) A control device according to claim 2, for monitoring wear parts for a printer or copier, comprising:
a counter device connected to the printer or copier so as to count a number of sheets printed by the printer or copier;
a memory device for storing initial values and thresholds for individual wear parts of the printer or copier;
said counter device starting to count the number of the sheets printed at the initial values and counting in a direction toward the thresholds;
an alarm device connected to compare a number of printed sheets to the thresholds and operable to output an alarm signal when a predefined threshold is exceeded;
a control device being fashioned with a setting function for individual setting of at least one of the initial values and the thresholds for the individual wear parts;
a separate setting device that is connectable to said control device to enable said setting function, said setting function being enabled only with said separate setting device, wherein said setting function can only be called with an authorization code.

4. (Currently Amended) A control device according to claim 1, for monitoring wear parts for a printer or copier, comprising:
a counter device connected to the printer or copier so as to count a number of sheets printed by the printer or copier;
a memory device for storing initial values and thresholds for individual wear parts of the printer or copier;

said counter device starting to count the number of the sheets printed at the initial values and counting in a direction toward the thresholds;
an alarm device connected to compare a number of printed sheets to the thresholds and operable to output an alarm signal when a predefined threshold is exceeded; and
a control device being fashioned with a setting function for individual setting of at least one of the initial values and the thresholds for the individual wear parts, wherein said setting function can only be called with an authorization code.

5. (Currently Amended) A control device according to claim 4 ~~claim 1~~, wherein said counter device is a decrementing counter and the initial values are adjustable.

6. (Currently Amended) A control device according to claim 4 ~~claim 1~~, wherein said counter device is an incrementing counter and the initial values are reset to zero upon introduction of a new wear part and the thresholds are individually set.

7. (Currently Amended) A control device according to claim 4 ~~claim 1~~, wherein at least one of the initial values and thresholds for the individual wear parts are only set within predetermined tolerance ranges for maintenance.

8. (Original) A control device according to claim 7, wherein said predetermined tolerance ranges for maintenance amount to about 30% through 100% of empirically determined and specified replacement values.

9. (Currently Amended) A method for monitoring wear parts of a printer or copier, comprising the following steps:
counting a number of printed sheets by said printer or copier with a counter device;
storing initial values and thresholds for individual wear parts of said printer or copier;
said counting step counting a number of the printed sheets in a direction toward the thresholds starting from the initial values;

outputting an alarm signal when a predefined threshold was crossed; and
individually setting at least one of the initial values and the thresholds for the individual wear
parts; and
requiring an authorization code for acceptance of said step of setting at least one of the initial
values and the thresholds.